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SUBJECT- GAO EXAMINATION OF REFUGEE RELIEF AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

1. AT REQUEST ROY JENNEY OF GAO, LAOS DESK MET WITH HIM AND JOEL SLOTSKY OF GAO AUGUST 4. LOREN HAFNER ALSO PRESENT. JENNEY REPORTED THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAS REQUESTED GAO UPDATE LAST YEAR'S REPORTS ON LAOS REFUGEE RELIEF AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS. GAO PLANS DO NOT INCLUDE ANY FURTHER WORK ON CONTROL REFUGEE RELIEF COMMODITIES BUT DO INCLUDE MORE THOROUGH TREATMENT SOME OTHER SUBJECT THAN LAST YEAR. GAO PLANS LONGER STAY IN LAOS (ABOUT 8 WEEKS) AND MORE WORK OUTSIDE VIENTIANE THIS YEAR INCLUDING VISITS TO GREATER NUMBER AND VARIETY OF REFUGEE CENTERS. JENNEY SAID SENATOR KENNEDY WISHES GAO AMONG OTHER THINGS VERIFY FUNDING TRANSFERS.

2. JENNY EXPECTED GAO HONOLULU AND/ OR MANILA OFFICES
 SEND PERSONNEL TO LAOS COMMENCE STUDY NEXT WEEK PURSUANT CABLES

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HE BELIEVED THEY WOULD BE SENDING YOU MOMENTARILY. DESK OFFICER AND HAFFNER PROPOSED THOSE OFFICES QUERY USAID ON TIMING BECAUSE OF OTHER WORKLOAD DEMANDS AND ABSENCE SOME KEY PERSONNEL. JENNEY COULD NOT GUARANTEE THIS WOULD BE DONE. SAID PRESENT PLANS REQUIRED BY FACT SENATOR KENNEDY HAS SET DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION LAOS REPORT AND OTHERS (INCLUDING VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA) KENNEDY REQUESTED SIMULTANEOUSLY. ADDED WE COULD DISCUSS GAO'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE WITH DE HAAN OF SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF BUT WE FIND DE HAAN AND SUBCOMMITTEE STAFFER TINKER BOTH OVERSEAS (CURRENTLY INDIA) AND NOT EXPECTED RETURN FOR ABOUT A MONTH.

3. WE KNOW MISSION WISHES COOPERATE FULLY WITH GAO AS DO WE. HOPE YOU CAN ADJUST TO TIMING PROPOSED FOR GAO HONOLULU AND FOR MANILA REPS BUT IF YOU WOULD FIND THAT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT YOU SHOULD FEEL FREE PROPOSE BRIEF DEFERRAL THEIR VISITS.

4. SLOTSKY TO BE IN CHARGE LAOS STUDY. WILL BEGIN REVIEW DESK FILES NEXT WEEK AND PROBABLY JOIN TEAM IN LAOS LATE SEPTEMBER. JENNY, WHO WILL HAVE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY LAOS AND SOME OTHER STUDIES REQUESTED BY KENNEDY, MAY ALSO VISIT LAOS LATER.

5. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS

DECONTROL AUGUST 5, 1972. ROGERS

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SUBJECT: GAO INVESTIGATION

REFERENCE: ISLAMABAD 8452 (BEING REPEATED DELHI)

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT INFORMED VIA GAO LETTER AUGUST 4 OF REQUEST BY SENATOR KENNEDY OF GAO FOR EXAMINATION INTO A) DISASTER RELIEF AID EAST PAKISTAN FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 1970 CYCLONE AND RELIEF EFFORTS SINCE OUTBREAK FIGHTING MARCH 1971; B) U.S. RELIEF EFFORTS FOR PAKISTANI REFUGEES IN INDIA; AND C) "POLICY, AUTHORIZATION, VOLUME AND CONTENT" OF U.S. MILITARY AID PROVIDED TO PAKISTAN SINCE 1965.

2. GAO REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON HAVE BEGUN MEETING WITH OFFICES IN NEA, AID, AND S/R ON RELIEF PROGRAMS. THEY HAVE SUBMITTED DETAILED LISTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT

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POLICY AND ORGANIZATION AND HAVE ASKED TO SEE FILES. WE HAVE NOT YET MET WITH GAO REPRESENTATIVES LOOKING INTO MILITARY PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH IN CONTEXT SEPARATE GAO EXAMINATION INTO OPERATIONS OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL, GAO EXAMINERS THERE HAVE ASKED TO SEE LICENSES COVERING MILITARY SALES SINCE MARCH 1971.

3. ON RELIEF EFFORTS EAST PAKISTAN AND PAKISTAN REFUGEES INDIA, WE ARE PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE EXISTING GUIDELINES (CA 5816, CA 760 AND 4 FAM 920-934.5) TO MAKE AVAILABLE MATERIAL CONSISTING STATEMENTS U.S. POLICY AND NON-SENSITIVE REPORTS FROM THE FIELD, INCLUDING COMPILATION REFUGEE STATISTICS, REPORTS RELIEF REQUIREMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS GOP AND UN PLANS, AND MOST REPORTING ON OPERATIONAL ASPECTS RELIEF ACTIVITIES. WE DO NOT PROPOSE MAKE AVAILABLE MESSAGES REPORTING ON SENSITIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP, GOI OR UN AGENCIES OR CERTAIN SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT OF OUR POLICY (PARA 3B CA-5816) UNLESS SO AUTHORIZED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. BELIEVE THIS ESSENTIALLY IN LINE WITH WHAT YOU PROPOSE PARA 3 REFTEL. BASICALLY WE SEE NO PROBLEM IN RELIEF AREAS BEING AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE ALONG ABOVE LINES.

4. ON MILITARY SUPPLY WE INTEND ALSO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS PRACTICABLE, SUBJECT TO SIMILAR LIMITATIONS AS INDICATED ABOVE COVERING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP AND CERTAIN SENSITIVE POLICY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND FIELD. WE BELIEVE GAO REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER SHOULD BE TOLD THAT SINCE DETAILED STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON ACTUAL DELIVERIES CAN BEST BE OBTAINED WASHINGTON, THAT ASPECT THEIR EXAMINATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE HERE RATHER THAN IN FIELD. WOULD BE HELPFUL, HOWEVER, BOTH FOR PURPOSES FURTHER GUIDANCE TO YOU AND FOR OUR OWN DISCUSSIONS WITH GAO HERE TO HAVE FROM HUNTER DETAILED LISTS OF THE QUESTIONS AND KINDS OF INFORMATION THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FOR PURPOSES OF EXAMINATION INTO MILITARY PROGRAMS.

5. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT PROVIDING ANY REQUESTED INFORMATION OR DOCUMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES MENTIONED PARA 3 ABOVE, PLEASE CONSULT DEPT.

6. AFTER THIS CABLE DRAFTED, GAO INFORMED US THREE INVESTIGA-

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TORS NEED TO TRAVEL TO BOTH WINGS OF PAKISTAN FOR APPROXIMATELY
SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS IN SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER IN CONNECTION WITH
INVESTIGATION RELIEF ACTIVITIES. OFFICIALS ARE MESSRS.
LEO WEINTRAUB, RICHARD NEUMAN AND JOHN M. RIDER. WE
BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TRAVEL AS SUGGESTED.
PLEASE ADVISE. JOHNSON

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